

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
U.S. Appln. No. 09/045,799

REMARKS

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-6, 9-14 and 21-26 are pending in the present application. Claims 21-26 have been added.

Patentability of New Claims

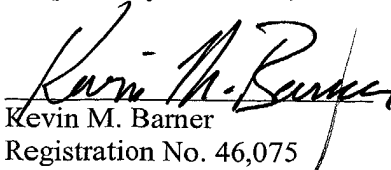
Claims 21-26 have been added. These new claims are believed to be patentably distinct over the prior art at least because they include features that are patentable for the reasons set forth above in regard to claims 1-6 and 10-14. For example, the prior art does not teach or suggest a deformation preventer located at the ends of the wires. Further, the prior art does not disclose the end portions of the wires being covered by the protective coating.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to **contact the undersigned** at the telephone number listed below.

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 21-26 are added as new claims.